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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR-25-0003-YGR
) [FILED JANUARY 9, 2025]

Plaintiff,

V.

SHENG THAO,
ANDRE JONES,
DAVID TRUNG DUONG, and
ANDY HUNG DUONG.

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff,

V.

BRYAN AZEVEDO,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF POTENTIALLY RELATED CASES
U.S. v. THAO et al.; U.S. v. AZEVEDO

v. 7/10/2018

1 The United States of America, through undersigned counsel, submits this notice pursuant to
2 Local Criminal Rule 8-1.

3 In an Indictment returned and filed on January 9, 2025 (United States v. Sheng Thao, et al., 25-
4 CR-0003-YGR), defendants Sheng Thao, Andre Jones, David Duong, and Andy Duong are charged
5 with conspiracy to commit bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; bribery concerning programs
6 receiving federal funds in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) or 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2); conspiracy to
7 commit honest services mail and wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; honest services mail fraud
8 in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1346; and honest services wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C.
9 §§ 1343, 1346. Andy Duong was also charged with one count of making false statements to government
10 agents in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2). The Indictment alleges that leading up to the 2022
11 Oakland mayoral election, and following her election as mayor, Thao engaged in a corrupt relationship
12 with her partner (Jones), and local businessmen, defendants David and Andy Duong. As part of the
13 corrupt relationship, Thao promised to take official actions as mayor of Oakland to benefit David and
14 Andy Duong's housing company and recycling company in exchange for various benefits to Thao and
15 Jones. The Indictment also alleges that Andy Duong lied to FBI agents when questioned about
16 payments to Jones.

17 In an Information filed on October 28, 2025 (United States v. Bryan Azevedo, 25-CR-0358-
18 AMO), defendant Bryan Azevedo is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit honest services
19 wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 and one count of making false statements to government
20 agents in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2). The Information alleges that between August of 2023 and
21 June of 2024 Azevedo, a San Leandro City Councilperson, conspired with Co-Conspirator 1 and Co-
22 Conspirator 2 to help their housing company obtain contracts from the City of San Leandro in exchange
23 for payments to Azevedo. The Information also alleges that Azevedo lied to FBI and IRS-CI agents
24 when questioned about whether he received cash from Co-Conspirator 1.

25 While the cases concern overlapping events and entities, they do not involve the same named
26 defendants and therefore do not appear to be related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1). The
27 cases may be related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2), as they concern overlapping events
28 and entities. However, the government and Azevedo are close to reaching a resolution of his case and

1 do not expect contested pretrial litigation or a trial. Accordingly, there are unlikely to be further
2 substantive hearings until a potential change of plea or sentencing hearing, and as result the cases may
3 not entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges within the meaning of Local Rule
4 8-1(b)(2). As such, the government respectfully defers to the Court as to whether these cases should be
5 related under Local Criminal Rule 8-1.

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8 DATED: November 4, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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